

Cloudy. Warmer tonight and tomorrow.

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WAS BEATEN SLAVE IN PLOW FIELD, SAYS MARY SIDLER

Child Declares Father Made Her Dig, Cook, and Wash.

HANDS HARD AS MAN'S

Tells Matron Patron and Paramour Twice Stole Her.

With her hands hardened and calloused by the toll to which she had been forced, and with tears and sobs alternating with a very winning smile, little Mary Sidler, held at the House of Detention on the order of her father, told her story this morning to a reporter for The Times.

When she was arrested at the Pennsylvania station late yesterday afternoon she was making her way to Bowieville, Md., where her mother lives. The girl is ten years old.

Must Sue to Get Her.

At the offices of the Board of Children's Guardians this afternoon, it was said positively that the child would not be returned to her father, except on the mandate of a court with competent authority. The child's story has impressed the officers of the board as the entire truth.

The father, John Sidler, is expected in the city today. The mother has also been notified of her daughter's presence here.

The unaccounted kindness with which she had been treated has served, evidently, to melt the girl's heart and she hung upon the matron's skirts and looked up for protection into the matron's eyes as she repeated her wrongs.

Parents Are Separated.

"Father and mother have been separated for five years," said the child, "and I have always lived with mother. Last Fourth of July father stole me away, but after six weeks I managed to get away from him, and my brother sent me back home. I lived then with my mother, near Bowieville, until two weeks before Christmas."

"Then father came again in the night. Edna Duval, who has left her own husband to live with him, was with him then. Mother was upstairs dressing to go out. Before I knew they were anywhere about, father and Edna Duval came in. They caught me up, took me out to a buggy, and Edna held me while father drove across to the river. At the river landing he turned the horse loose and we took the boat for Alexandria. Father stayed a week. At the end of that time we moved to Wilmington, and just outside of that city we have been staying ever since."

"Father was very mean to me. He beat me often, and Edna would beat me too. They made me get up at 4 o'clock in the morning and light the fire for breakfast. I had to wash all the clothes and I worked in the garden."

Hands Hard as Man's.

The child held out her hands, in mute explanation of her story. They were as hard as those of a man who toils all day with pick and shovel.

"Day before yesterday father told me to rake off the lot, which had been plowed, and where he was going to plant a garden. When he came home he said I had not raked it right and he beat me with a stick. He made this place on me, and this."

The child showed two bruises, one on her forehead, and the other on the back of her neck. The matron said there were other bruises on her body.

"Then I decided to run away," continued the girl. "Yesterday morning father hit me to work and Edna went to the store. When father stole me away from mother, I had \$10, which I had made by selling a calf. Father took that, and I took \$10 from him. I took it from his trunk. He had \$32 there, but I took only what was mine."

Money Belonged To Her.

"Then I got on the trolley car and went to Wilmington and from there, on the train, to Washington. When I got off the train at the station a gentleman stopped me and brought me here."

The child was arrested by Detective Hartigan, who had been assigned to the case by Captain Boardman, at the request of the father. The request had been made by wire from Wilmington.

LACE CURTAINS ABLAZE.

Damage estimated at \$20 was caused by fire in Mrs. Edward Dubois's home, 304 Fifteenth street northwest, last night. Lace curtains coming in contact with a lighted gas jet caused the fire. The damage is covered by insurance.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

A pronounced disturbance is central this morning over eastern Colorado and low pressure prevails throughout the States.

The weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over nearly all districts, and there have been rains and snows in the Southwest, the extreme Central West, in Washington, and from the upper lake region eastward.

It is colder in the Atlantic and east Gulf States and warmer elsewhere, except in portions of the Northwest.

There will be showers tonight and Sunday in the east Gulf States, and showers Sunday in the Ohio Valley and lower lake region. In the Atlantic States the weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy.

Temperatures will rise.

TEMPERATURE.
3 a. m. 45
12 noon 52
3 p. m. 54

THE SUN.
Sun sets today 6:23
Sun rises tomorrow 5:36

TIDE TABLE.
Low tide today 12:33 p. m.
High tide today 5:20 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 1:10 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 7:10 a. m., 7:40 p. m.

BOTH SIDES AFRAID TO VOTE ON RATES IN DREAD OF LOSS

Neither Senate Faction Is Certain of Enough Support to Win.

CONSERVATIVES IN LEAD

Are Lacking Less Than Tillman Followers and Look Like Sure Victors.

The real reason that no agreement has yet been reached for a vote on the railroad rate bill in the Senate is that neither side yet feels confident of having enough votes to win.

There are fifty-five active Republicans in the Senate, and thirty-three Democrats, a total of eighty-eight votes. Any closely contested proposition, therefore, requires forty-five votes to succeed. Neither Senator Tillman, who is in charge of the rate bill from the House, which is endorsed in its main features by the President, nor the conservative Senators headed by Aldrich, Knox and Spooner, are yet satisfied that either side has those forty-five votes corralled.

The two main issues are the scope of the possible proceedings in court, after the Interstate Commerce Commission has decided that a certain railroad rate is unjust; and whether, pending litigation in court, the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission shall remain in effect or not.

Tillman Challenges President.

Senator Tillman said today: "The President has accepted a proposition which is not acceptable to a majority of his own party, and he has called in the assistance of the Democrats. Under these circumstances, the Democrats have a right to insist upon the inclusion in the bill of certain things they demand. We have twenty-five Democratic votes we can depend upon, with a possibility of twenty-eight, for a limited court review amendment and a no-suspension, or anti-injunction provision. After Senator Bailey's speech on Tuesday, it is possible that some of the weak-kneed Democrats will be brought into line. We have this many Democratic votes to offer the President in support of his policy, which he has declared is the same as ours, and whatever number we lack is for him to supply from the Republican ranks."

Crane Is Confident.

Senator Crane, who has allied himself with the Spooner-Knox faction, says: "We have forty Republicans ready to vote for a broad court review amendment, similar to that proposed by Senator Knox. Of the Democrats, there are from ten to twenty who will vote with us. The only difficulty is that we have not yet reached an agreement on the phraseology of the amendment. The Republicans are agreed, but we want the pledges of other votes. We hope to reach such an agreement next week."

What Conservatives Wish.

First—For a judicial review of the legality and the remunerative character of a rate fixed by the commission.

Second—That such review shall be expedited by giving such cases precedence over all but criminal cases in the courts.

Third—That pending the determination of the case, the railroad shall be required to deposit a bond to cover the difference between its original rate, of which complaint was made, and that fixed by the commission, so that if the shipper who made the complaint wins his contention, he may be repaid the amount he was charged in excess of what the commission considered to be a just and reasonable rate.

Fourth—That all expenses shall be borne by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Fifth—That no railroad shall be permitted to obtain an injunction from a court against the enforcement of an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, without due notice having been served upon the commission, and a hearing offered.

COMMERCE AND LABOR CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED

Among the changes announced in the personnel of the Department of Commerce and Labor today are the following:

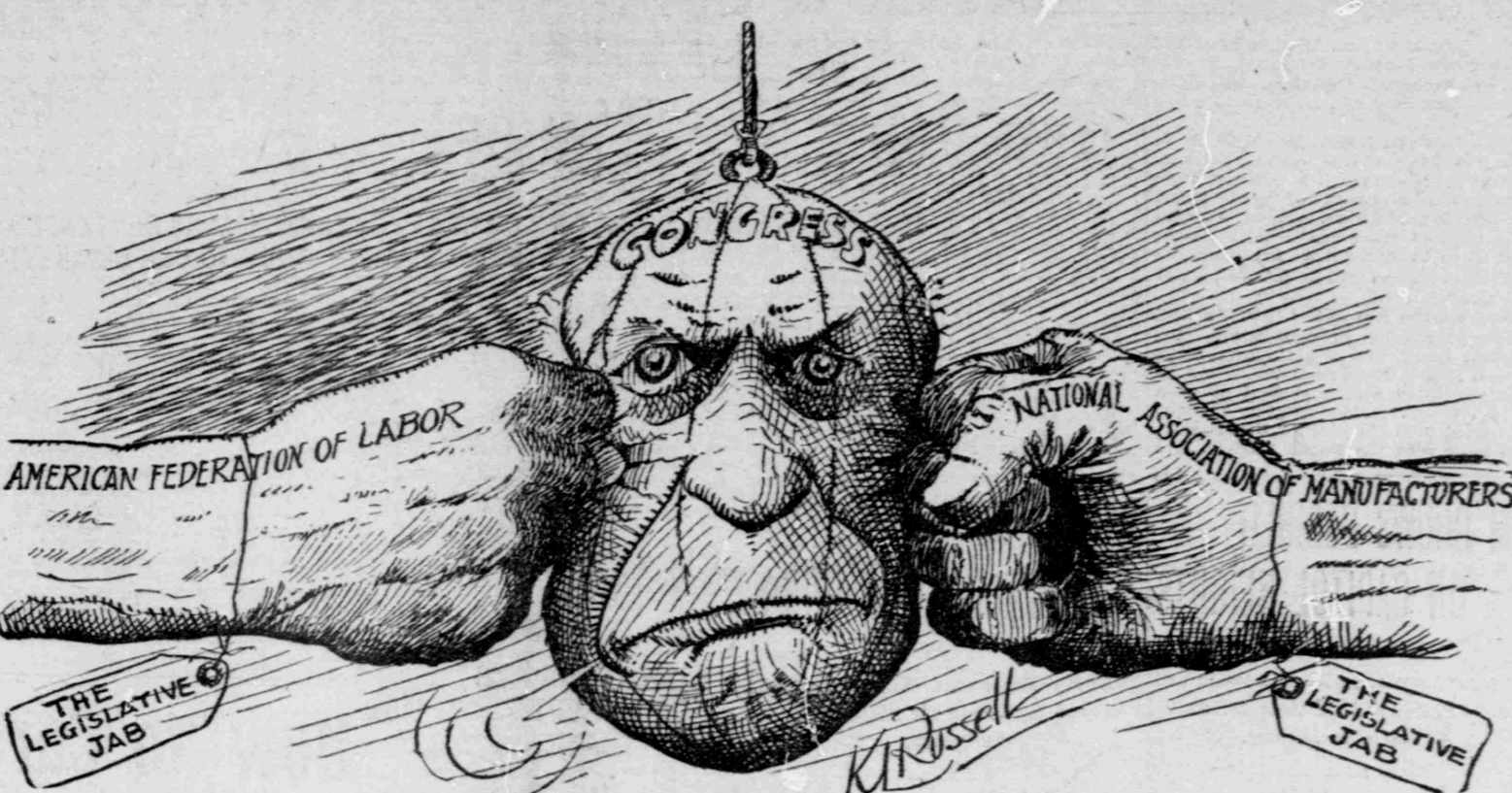
Mrs. Katherine Igou, of Illinois, transferred from the Chicago postoffice to the Census Bureau to be a clerk; Max Polatyn, of Massachusetts, immigration inspector transferred from Niagara Falls to Winnipeg, Manitoba; Wallace N. Denny, of Maryland, reinstated as a clerk in the Census Bureau; Frank S. Howell, of New York, promoted from immigration inspector to be civil engineer at Ellis Island, N. Y.; Frank S. Hotchkiss, of Alabama, promotionally appointed shipping commissioner for the port of Mobile, Ala.

SAYS HE WAS STABBED.

Edgar Russell, thirty-four years old, of 1628 Twelfth street northeast, went to the Casualty Hospital with a knife wound in his side, last night. He told the surgeons and police that he was stabbed in a fight in the round house at Ivy City. His condition is not serious.

Plenty of Laths.

Libbey Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.—Adv.



How Would You Like to Be the Punching Bag?

ARMY WILL ADOPT THE FINGER PRINT

War Department Accepts Method of Identification.

BETTER THAN BERTILLON

Found Effective By Police Officials in Many of the Large Cities.

The War Department has decided to adopt the finger print system of identification in the army, and all military posts, hospitals and recruiting stations will hereafter be equipped with apparatus for recording the digital impressions of all the men now serving under the flag.

Officers as well as enlisted men will have their finger marks preserved for future reference. The finger print system was decided upon by a special board appointed for the purpose of providing an improved system of identification of recruits. It is far superior to the Bertillon system, which has been used in the army since 1880. It has been successful in use in India for a long time, and is at present used by the police departments of Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Lowell, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Louisville, Grand Rapids, Baltimore and Albany, and is soon to be used in Kansas City. Says the official report of the board:

"Finger prints, examined and compared by an expert, furnish a method far more certain than any other, being incomparably more certain than personal recognition or identification by photograph. Authorities agree that under the Bertillon method, while it is improbable, yet it is conceivable that persons might have measurements coinciding within the limits allowed for error, but that it is wholly inconceivable that two persons should show an exact coincidence in the print of even one, to say nothing of the fingers. 'Thus, the prints of one or two fingers are ample to prove identity, but all ten prints are taken for classification, and thus to trace identity.'"

WOULD LET ABLE INDIAN HANDLE OWN PROPERTY

Some of Five Civilized Tribes, Says Lacey, Can Do So as Well as Whites.

Representative Lacey of Iowa, chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands, had a talk with the President this morning in connection with his bill providing for a limited distribution of the tribal funds of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Under present laws, the tribal funds are administered by the Government, and no individual, regardless of his ability to care for his own rights, has a voice concerning the administration of his property.

"There are many men among the Indians, particularly the Five Civilized Tribes, who are graduates of colleges," said Mr. Lacey. "They are just as able to administer upon their estate as any white man. The object of my bill is to permit any Indian who feels that he is able to look after his rights to petition the President for his allotment of the funds. If the President feels that the applicant is sufficiently able to take care of his property, then the President may award him his share of the tribal funds."

CHINESE PIRATES ROB AMERICAN MISSIONARY

HONGKONG, China, April 7.—Three passenger boats were held up by pirates fourteen miles from Saa Hing City, and it is reported an American missionary, who was on board one of the boats, was robbed.

To Baltimore and Return

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Saturday and Sunday. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited." Tickets good to return until Sunday night.—Adv.

Fireman Payne Whitney Battles With Big Blaze

Leads Long Island Department, Including W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Against Fire in Hotel and Seven Cottages.

NEW YORK, April 7.—William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Payne Whitney, and Richard T. Wilson, Jr., risked their lives early today fighting a fire which for a time threatened the entire valley section of Manhasset, L. I., and which was got under control only after Rice's Hotel and seven cottages were in ruins.

The hotel was a popular summer resort, a structure of five stories. In the hotel last night were Mr. Rice, his two sons, two daughters and seven guests. Near the hotel stands the big Manhasset Bay Hotel and other property of value.

Flee in Night Clothes.

The fire started at 1 o'clock on the third floor of the Rice Hotel, dropped to the lower floor of the hotel and ate through those above. Rice's daughters and sons and the seven guests ran out in their night clothes. The fire quickly ran to a nearby cottage and spread until seven cottages were blazing. Other houses were in danger, and the Manhasset Bay Hotel was smoking.

Leader Ignores Danger.

The young millionaire ran through smoke and flames when danger threatened, but he did not hesitate. The flames were getting the better of him. The persons in the seven burning cottages had not had time to save their effects and so great was the danger of the surrounding houses and the big hotel that the people fled to the open, some of them carrying clothes and valuables; others not taking time to save anything.

IMMENSE RIFLE RANGE AT GUANTANAMO DONE

Double That of Seagirt and Can Accommodate Two Thousand Men Per Day.

Lieut. Com. William A. Moffett, recently relieved of duty as executive officer of the Amphibious station ship at the Guantanamo naval station, Cuba, called at the Navy Department today and reported the completion of the great naval small arms target range at Guantanamo, of which he has had charge for the past year. The range is three times the size of the American Rifle Association range at Seagirt, N. J., and is the most complete target establishment in the world. It will accommodate 2,000 men a day at the 100, 200, 300, and 1,000 yard ranges.

It is proposed to have small arms practice for the enlisted men of the Atlantic fleet at Guantanamo twice a year. In addition to small rifle practice, the men will be trained there in the use of the rapid fire landings guns and three-inch rifles, every man in the fleet receiving instructions.

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT OF PLUMBERS' STRIKE

Third Interest Said to Have Brought About Agreement Between Masters and Journeymen.

The prospects for a settlement of the trouble between the master plumbers and the journeymen who were locked out five weeks ago are bright. It was learned this morning that an understanding will be reached in a few days by which the journeymen will go back to work practically under the operations of the old contract, which has two years to run, and the breaking of which by the journeymen, the master plumbers say, was the cause of the lockout and present trouble.

The basis of the settlement could not be learned today, but it is hinted that the masters and the journeymen were brought around by a third interest which has as much, if not more, at stake than the master plumbers or the journeymen.

COL. HENRY F. BLOUNT SAID TO BE RECOVERING

Col. Henry F. Blount, who has been critically ill in Evansville, Ind., successfully passed the crisis in his illness yesterday, and word was received in Washington today that he is now out of danger.

WANTS SUFFRAGE FOR THE DISTRICT

Mr. Sims Introduces Two Drastic Bills in the House.

INTENDS TO PUSH MEASURES

Provide Local Self-Government With Offices Filled By Bona Fide Residents.

Speaking from his experience of many years as a member of the House District Committee, Representative Sims of Tennessee today introduced two drastic bills in the House to back up his statement.

One calls on the Judiciary Committee to submit to the House a comprehensive plan of self-government for the District. In the other provision is made that no local or municipal officer for the District shall be appointed unless he be a bona fide resident and taxpayer of the District, and, for the next five years preceding his appointment, has refrained from exercising the rights of citizenship in any State or Territory of the United States.

District Committees Overworked.

On both these measures prompt action will be had if Mr. Sims' hard work can secure it. He realizes that the District Committees of the House and Senate, in their roles of town councils for the city of Washington and its suburbs are overburdened with work to such an extent that at times it is not thoroughly or satisfactorily done. The only remedy he can find for the situation is to let the government of the District be carried on entirely, or in great part, by the District itself.

Inquiry developed the fact today that there are other members of Congress who think as Mr. Sims does. His attitude on the question is noteworthy in view of the fact that, in case the next Congress is Democratic, he will be chairman of the House District Committee.

Intends to Keep At It.

His earnestness on the subject of securing self-government for the District is such that if the Judiciary Committee is prevented from framing the plan this session, owing to the approach of adjournment time, he will introduce his bill next session. When he does he will have the support of other Congressmen who agree with him on the matter.

It is realized, however, that the proposed plan will be a matter of many weeks.

DEATH TAKES SCIENTIST IN SIGHT OF TRIUMPH

Dr. James B. McCallum, Disciple of Jacques Loeb, Had About Completed Life Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Dr. James B. McCallum, assistant of Prof. Jacques Loeb, at the University of California, died yesterday afternoon after a brave struggle to complete certain scientific works.

For three years he had run a race with death, and with the goal in sight death won.

Dr. McCallum was an enthusiastic experimenter along the lines of Prof. Loeb's work, and from the discoveries of the former Chicagoan he first secured his inspiration. Three years ago, the doctors warned him that he had Bright's disease and could not live long.

Under the strain his strength grew steadily less, but he always was hopeful that he could complete his labors. Death came with the look almost finished.

ATTORNEYS TO DEFEND ALCOHOL

In the trial tonight of Alcohol at Belasco's Theater the prosecution will be represented by Mr. Tennyson Smith, while the prisoner will be represented by Attorney W. Preston Williamson and Charles J. Williamson, members of the local bar.

CAMBRIDGE WINS AN EASY VICTORY FROM OXFORD

Crosses the Finish Line Three and One-Half Lengths Ahead.

RESULT A BIG SURPRISE

Losers Hard Pushed and Several Men Collapsed at the Finish.

LONDON, April 7.—Cambridge won her twenty-eighth victory in the annual boat race with Oxford today by defeating the crew of the latter university by three and a half lengths. The official time was 19 minutes 25 seconds. It was an easy victory for Cambridge and her men finished in excellent shape. The Oxford men, stroke, but Cambridge, greatly distressed by the hard pull, and four of them collapsed after the finish. This was a surprise to the prophets on "form," as it was generally believed Oxford had the better staying power, while Cambridge was regarded as the better crew in a sprint.

The race was rowed at noon, under favorable conditions, and in the presence of a crowd that broke all records. Thousands of people were gathered near the starting and finishing lines, and the banks of the Thames were lined with racing enthusiasts. The usual crowd of houseboats and launches was present, and their gay decorations added to the brilliancy of the scene.

Weather Was Perfect.

The weather was ideal for racing and there was scarcely a ripple on the river. The pleasant weather had much to do with bringing out the crowd, and the spectacle was as brilliant as ever in the history of the notable race.

The Cambridge crew were first to arrive at the starting point and were given an extraordinary ovation. Later the Oxford crew arrived and were received with round applause and cheers.

Oxford took the survey side of the river though the weather conditions were such that it made little difference which side was chosen.

Both got a good start, Oxford pulling a slightly better start than Cambridge, however, took the lead immediately.

Took the Winners Wash.

At Beverly Brook Cambridge led by half a length and this was soon increased to two and a half lengths. At Harrod's Stores Cambridge was pulling a 38-stroke and Oxford 37. After passing Hammersmith Bridge Cambridge increased her lead to four lengths and moved across into Oxford's wake. The Oxford boat receiving the resulting wash from the first shell. From Barnes Bridge to the end of the race Cambridge rowed easily, and Oxford crept up half a length, finishing three and a half lengths behind the winning crew.

BULK OF SWIFT ESTATE GOES TO HIS WIDOW

Millionaire Declared In Will That All But One Brother Had Enough Money.

BOSTON, Mass., April 7.—The will of Edwin C. Swift, the Chicago beef packer and multi-millionaire, who died at the Quincy House on Tuesday, was filed at the probate court in Salem today, leaving the bulk of the property, estimated at \$20,000,000, to his wife, Florence A. Swift.

Mr. Swift said that as all his brothers except Nathaniel, have enough money of their own he would not leave them anything. To his brother Nathaniel he left \$10,000 and 100 shares in Swift & Co. The will was dated January 11, 1906, and witnessed by Charles W. Benjamin, Horace H. Sawyer, and Clinton Bassett.

The executors are James F. Lockwood, of Hyde Park, and Freedom Hutchinson, of Newton.

WANT MEDALS STRUCK FOR PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS

President Roosevelt received a call today from Gen. Irving Hale, and W. D. Smith, of Denver. These gentlemen are members of the Congressional Committee of the Society of the Army of the Philippines, and are interested in several matters concerning that organization.

One of their chief objects in coming to Washington is to secure legislation, if possible, for medals for volunteer troops who are eligible for retirement under the laws. General Hale, it will be remembered, was one of the foremost brigadier generals in the early campaigning in the Philippines.

The general and Mr. Smith are also interested in the effort to make Fort Logan, Denver, a brigade post.

PIERPONT MORGAN DIETS AT MILLIONAIRES' TABLE

LONDON, April 7.—J. Pierpont Morgan, while here seeking another English partner to take the place of the late Sir Clinton Dawkins, declined all banquet invitations. He said he was "dieting." He did, however, dine with Lord Milner and Alfred Beit, who are also undergoing a similar regimen. The meal consisted of brown biscuits, fish, and vegetables.

RUSSIAN POLICE WEAR ARMOR.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 7.—The police and gendarmes here are being equipped with coats of mail to be worn underneath their uniforms.